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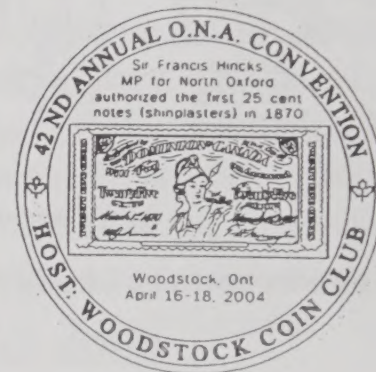
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'WOOD' MEETING HELD AT WOODSTOCK CONVENTION:

by Ross Kingdon

The Southern Ontario Chapter of C.A.W.M.C. held its meeting at the recent annual Ontario Numismatic Association convention in Woodstock, Ontario. This convention, which was last held in Woodstock in 1989, attracted some 50 dealers and hundreds of coin collectors from all over Canada and the U.S.A. A special coin, designed for the show (shown here), highlighted a 'shin plaster', a 25 cent Canadian bill, which originated in 1870 by the first Oxford Member of Parliament, Sir Francis Hincks. This is believed to be the first time a bill has been featured on a coin. *This design was used on the three woods that were issued for this show by the O.N.A.* These and other woods are shown elsewhere in this newsletter.



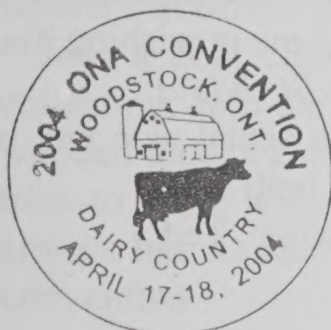
Our 'wood' meeting was chaired by **Norm Belsten**. The two hour meeting was attended by seventeen woodies. Most were from the mid or southern Ontario area region but the U.S.A. was well represented by Bob Brown from Highspire PA and Larry White from Liberty Center, Ohio.

Those with woods issued for this convention freely distributed them to all in attendance. Norm talked about his recent catalogue "supplement" issue, which was available at the meeting. This update has the listing of **newly issued** woods from the *end of year 2001 to the present*. Norm also had some additional page inserts for his 'Picture Catalogue' of Ontario woods issued last summer 2003.

An auction of 28 lots took place with Norm as the auctioneer. The S.O.C. bank account was increased by \$38.10 from this auction plus \$23.00 from the door draw run by Albert Kasman.

It appears that there were 12 newly issued woods for this convention and I have tried to show them later in this 'Timber Talk'.

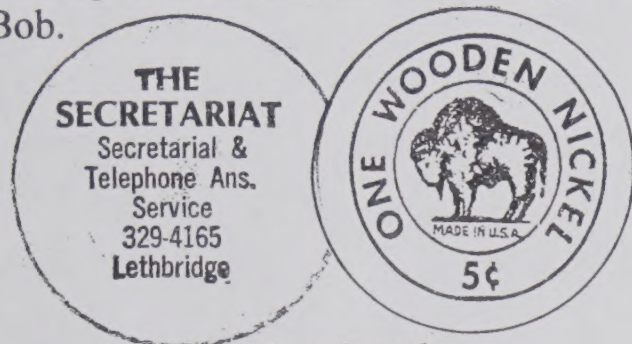
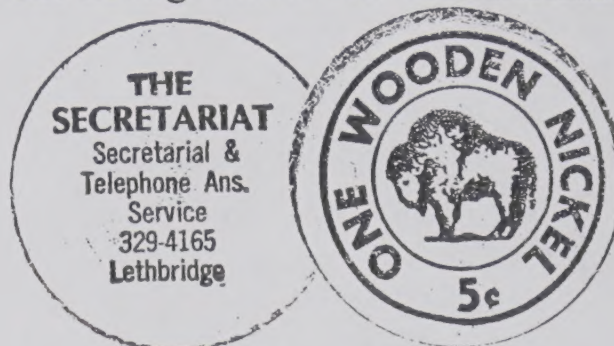
Many hours were spent by eight or nine 'woodies' before and after our meeting in Bob Brown's hotel room trading and buying from a horde of woods brought to the convention by Bob and one of CAWMC's founding members, Victor Hall. Many woods were added to people's collections, including Yours Truly. Also, thanks to Victor, I once again brought home a pile of 'goodies' to benefit CAWMC, including some future 'free woods'. *Many thanks to all who attended and contributed to the success of this convention gathering.*



NEW VARIETY DISCOVERED FOR OLD LETHBRIDGE WOOD:

C.A.W.M.C. member **Bob Brown** of Highspire, Pennsylvania has found a variety to the Alberta issued 'The Secretariat' wood from Lethbridge. The wood has a **different 'Buffalo' reverse** from the only one listed in our official Canadian catalogue (8550-03) and originally shown in the late Norm Wells old, original, picture catalogue. I have shown both woods here.

I'm sure there are other woods that may have this same type of variety. I know of one, that being the *Ontario, Bayfield woods* (5102-01A and 5102-01B) that have these same different 'Buffalo' reverses. These Bayfield woods, however, have both of the varieties listed in our catalogues whereas this Lethbridge wood has only the one listing. Thanks for this information, Bob.

*Listed wood**New variety***CAWMC OFFICERS**

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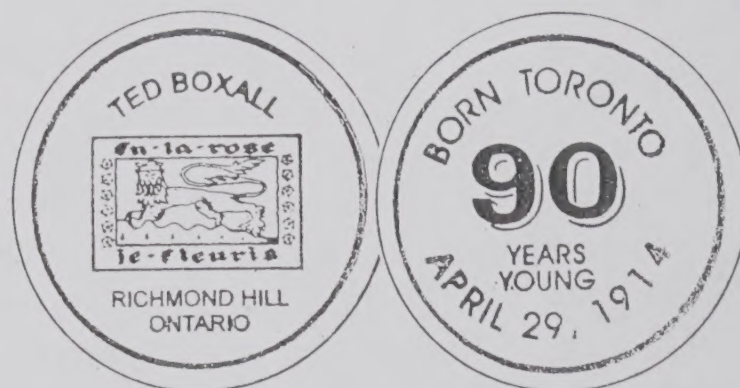
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FREE WOOD OF THE MONTH

Our free wood for the month has been provided by C.A.W.M.C. member **Ted Boxall** of Richmond Hill, Ontario. Ted celebrated his 90th birthday on April 29th, 2004. **"CONGRATULATIONS, TED"**.

I'm sure everyone joins me in wishing Ted *many, many more Happy Birthdays*.

The wood is shown in actual size and is blue and red in colour on both sides.

Many thanks for this wood, Ted.

CANADIAN WOODEN MONEY

by Norm Belsten

Although wooden money has been around for a long time, with the first issued in about 300 B.C., it was not until the nineteen thirties that the first redeemable wooden money was issued in North America. In 1931, Tenino, Washington used wooden money as a means of exchange because of a bank failure that saw the assets of the bank frozen, leaving no money to carry on the daily business and trade. Later in the thirties, souvenir woods began to appear in the United States, followed by business and personal woods that are still being issued today.

In Canada, our first wood souvenir was issued in 1880, for the Montreal Exposition, using the same dies as the medal but struck on a black walnut wood. This wood was one quarter inch thick and one and a half inches in diameter, hence the name 'black walnut' as it is referred to today. It was not until 1939 that a value first appeared on a Canadian wood, that being the Stratford, Ontario issue for the Queen's visit. This was a set of flats of three different values, five cents, ten cents and twenty-five cents, printed in three different colours. The wood used was a thin veneer 57mm X 134mm in size. This set is one of the more difficult sets to obtain with the twenty-five cent being the hardest to acquire. In the nineteen forties, Canadian advertising woods began to appear. They were issued for conventions, birthdays, anniversaries etc. and particularly Christmas. Woods are still being used today for these and other occasions. There are now more than 7000 different Canadian woods listed from all across Canada.

Collecting woods is a relatively inexpensive hobby as many are handed out for free, with the rest usually costing fifty cents to five dollars each depending on the relative scarcity. There are, however, some woods that command a considerably much higher price, but these are really the exception. Many woods are issued in very small quantities, usually 100 for personal issues and 500 to 5000 for business ones. These woods are made in a variety of different ways. With some, the image is pressed into the wood with a steel die, others printed with ink and a rubber stamp. Some are silk-screen printed or hot-stamped with a foil. More recently, printing has been done with laser engraving from a computer design. Woods also come in a variety of shapes and sizes: round, square, oblong, hexagon, thick, thin, small and large making up the many variations of woods issued.

Unlike coins, which are shipped to banks all across the country, woods tend to stay in the area in which they were issued. Corresponding and buying or trading with other collectors is the best way to acquire woods. If you are interested in starting a collection, a good idea would be to choose some kind of a theme: i.e. personal woods, Christmas woods, advertising woods or woods that offer a discount or something for free i.e. 'Good For...'.

Join a coin club where you will meet other collectors and find out about the hobby of collecting. Join the Canadian Association of Wooden Money Collectors, which is the national wooden money collector organization in Canada, also known as C.A.W.M.C. This organization tries to issue a monthly bulletin that includes a 'free wood' with each issue. C.A.W.M.C. always has its membership general meeting at the annual Canadian Numismatic Association convention.

NEW SUPPLEMENT LISTING OF CANADIAN WOODS:

By Ross Kingdon

Norm Belsten's new, year 2004 "update" or "supplement", listing the most recently issued Canadian woods, was available at the recent Ontario Numismatic Association convention. *This 'supplement' lists only the known, newly issued or discovered Canadian woods from the end of year 2001 to the present.* The 'listing' consists of a total of twenty-two, 8 ½ X 11 pages and basically follows the same format as previously issued 'supplements'. Included are pages such as "Location Helper", to assist collectors in finding woods issued by named individuals. A "Wood Location Helper" page is also included to assist collectors in finding *woods that have no 'location' identifier printed on the actual wood.* Yours Truly was the individual who initially started this list. I called it my 'cheat sheet' as I found myself spending many hours going through the entire Canadian catalogue listing looking for a particular wood. I often would look for the very same wood some weeks later wondering where in blazes I had found it the last time. Eventually I smartened up and began copying down where these 'non identified' woods could be located. Norm has taken that list and expanded it considerably. I'm sure, in the future, many more woods will get added to this page.

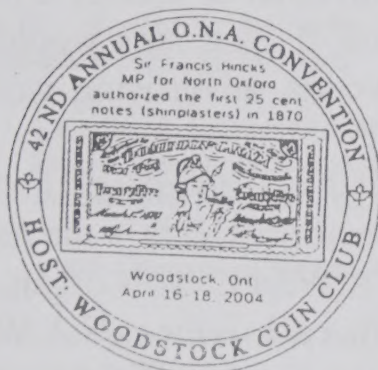
As in past 'supplements', a *Town Index* is included with appropriate catalogue numbers. Each province has its own page(s), listing the most recently issued woods. Some provinces have no page included, as there were no new woods issued from that province for this period of time (i.e. Prince Edward Island). *Spruce Dollars are also included in this package.*

This, year 2004, 'supplement' listing is available from Norm for \$5.00 Canadian at 86 Hamilton Drive Newmarket, Ont., Can., L3Y 3E8. or e-mail nbelsten@sympatico.ca.

On the face page of this new listing, Norm has made an appeal to all 'wood' collectors and I reprint it here, as it is so very important and is a considerable time-saver and frustration-saver for Norm, who spends hours of his time compiling this information for our benefit. Please help him wherever you can.

"In the past, I have listed woods from information supplied to me by collectors, and this has led to several duplications and errors in the catalogue. In the future, I will only list woods if I personally have the wood or a photocopy of it. Hopefully this will eliminate a lot of duplication and errors. If I can see a picture of a wood, then it is easier to check it out for duplication. Without your help, I can not do the listings so all collectors can benefit."

NEW 'WOOD' ISSUES FROM THE O.N.A. CONVENTION:



The Ontario Numismatic Association issued THREE woods for this show, with this design. Four hundred green/green were issued and included in all Registration packages. One hundred red/red and one hundred black/black were issued and sold at the door.

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NEW 'WOOD' ISSUES FROM THE O.N.A. CONVENTION: - continued from page four

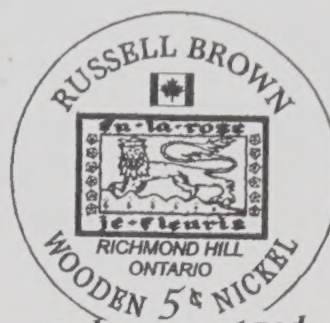
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Common Obverse



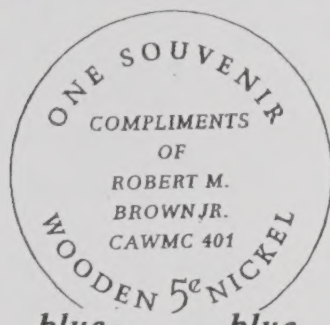
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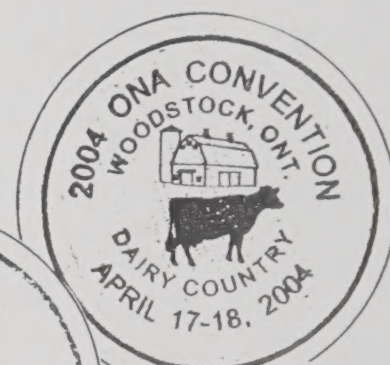
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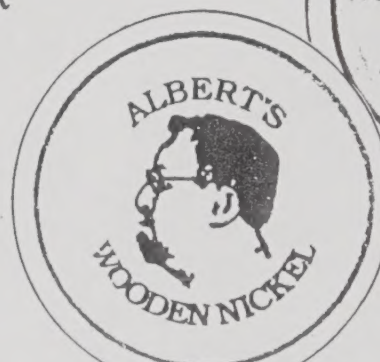
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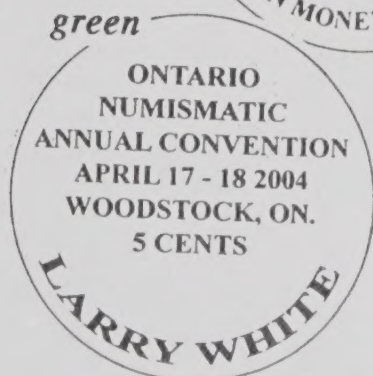


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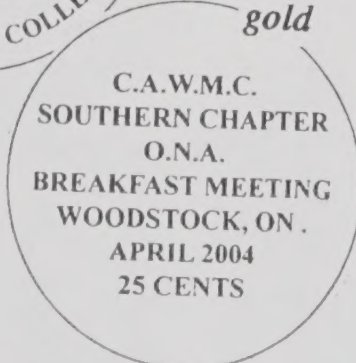
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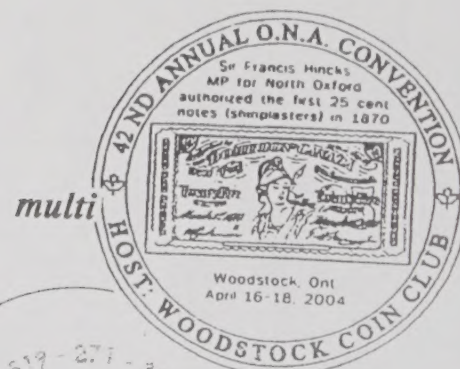
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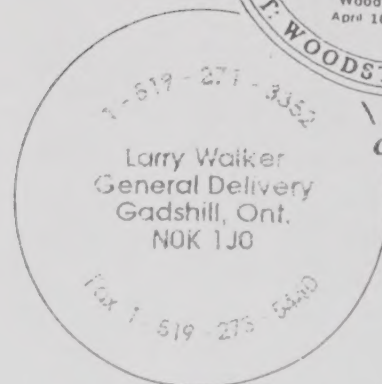
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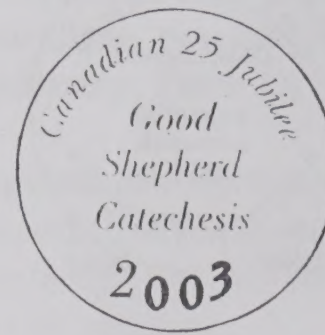
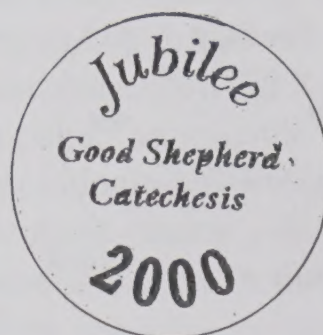
Larry White of Liberty Center, Ohio issued these TWO woods for this O.N.A. convention.

GOOD SHEPHERD CATECHESIS WOODS:

These two '*Good Shepherd Catechesis*' woods (shown here) have been issued in the past four years. **Paul Petch** F.C.N.A. of North York, Toronto has been the impetus for the issuing of these woods. This write-up gives the background philosophy and history behind the two woods. Both woods are green/green in colour. Paul is currently the '*Editor*' of "*The C.N. Journal*" which is the official publication of the Canadian Numismatic Association.



Common Obverse



The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd is a child-centered, child-directed, soundly traditional method of introducing children to the mystery of God. It nourishes the religious needs and capacities of all children regardless of culture or background.

The Catechesis of the Good Shepherd has grown and spread amazingly. At last count it is in 19 countries: Australia, Austria, Argentina, Bolivia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Colombia, Croatia, Germany, Haiti, Ireland, Japan, Mexico, New Zealand, Panama, South Africa, Tanzania, Italy, and the United States. In the United States there are hundreds of atria in Catholic and Episcopal settings, as well as in several other Christian churches.

In celebration of the 25th year of the catechesis in the United States of America a wood was produced by the Canadian Branch of the CGS and presented to each person at the celebrations in July 21 – 25, 2000 at the Franciscan Retreat House, Prior Lake, Minnesota. The design was based on Gianna Gobbi's logo for a GSC International Council meeting held in Rome, Italy.

Canadian 25th Jubilee

On June 21, 2003 a "Day of Celebration" was held at St. Joseph's Residence/House on Wellesley Street in Toronto. Many who have been a part of the history and life the Good Shepherd Catechesis in Canada came together for a day celebration and reflection. Each attendee received a "Canadian 25th Jubilee" wood.